

Kindly amend claim 34 as follows:

34. (Twice Amended) A piezoelectric actuator comprising: a plurality of piezoelectric elements stacked in a first direction and in a second direction generally perpendicular to the first direction for undergoing expansion/contraction movement to vibrationally drive the piezoelectric elements in accordance with a driving signal applied thereto, the length in the first direction of each of at least two of the piezoelectric elements being different from the length in the first direction of at least one other of the piezoelectric elements.

ADDITIONAL FEES:

No additional fees are believed required; however, should it be determined that a fee is due, authorization is hereby given to charge any such fee to our Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

REMARKS

In the last Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 48-50, 52-54, 56 and 57 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,211,606 to Kanda et al. Claims 48-50 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,066,911 to Lindemann et al.,